CARE India

1447. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) What is the mode of payment for the administrative cost in India of CARE. India and whether any part of the payment is made in foreign exchange ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) whether any accounts are submitted by CARE, India for scrutiny to the Central Government ; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT) (KUMARI MAMATA BANERJEE) : (a) and (b) The Administrative cost is paid by ten State Governments who receive food aid from CARE India. A part of the said administrative cost is paid in foreign exchange, at the rate of one USdollar per thousand pounds of food commodities, towards cost of procurement and handling food commodities.

(c) and (d) At the end of every financial year, CARE submits to the Government of India final accounts duly audited by certified Chartered Accountant.

Anganwadis in the Country

1448. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that supplementary nutrition programme is part of the Integrated Child Development Scheme ;

(b) if so, the total number of anganwadis being run in the country ;

(c) whether it is a fact that in most cases, food supplied to the anganwadis is substandard and irregular ; and

(d) if so, the details there of ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AIFFAIRS AND SPORTS) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT) (KUMARI MAMATA BANERJEE) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The total number of anganwadis providing supplementary nutrition as on 31st December 1991 were 2,28,931.

(c) and (d) Presently there is no complaint from any State or UT regarding quality of food being supplied in anganwadis, However, some contractors had supplied bad food to Anganwadis under Delhi Administration during 1991. The Delhi Adminstration got the samples tested in Government laboratories and ensured that food items found unfit for human consumption as well as substandard food items were not served at the Anganwadis. The supply contracts were cancelled and immediate corrective measures were taken.

The Government of India got an high level enquiry conducted into the matter and the Delhi Administration has also ordered an vigilance enquiry. The regularity of nutrition in all ICDS projects of the country is closely monitored by the Government through computerised Management Information System, on a quality basis. According to the report ending 31-3-91. out of a total of 2594 sanctioned projects in the country nutrition had been interrupted in only 256. projects.

Adult Education

1449. DR. NAGEN SAIKIA : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the amount released for adult education in the country during 1991-92 :

(b) the total number of persons enrolled as learners during the period; and

(c) the target year for achieving complete literacy amongest adults ?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH) : (a) An amount of Rs. 61.66 crores has so far been spent under various programmes of adult education during 1991-92.

(b) It is estimated that around 30.00 million persons have been enrolled under various Total Literacy Campaigns and other programmes of adult education in the country during this period.